



Senator Jim Butterworth

Senate District 50



Sen. Jim Butterworth is a Republican in his first term in the Senate representing the 50th District. Originally from Habersham County, Butterworth is moving Northeast Georgia forward by promoting policies that recruit new industries and create jobs in the area. He is partnering with parents, educators and local schools to provide world class education for local children and growing and protecting Georgia's water resources.

Butterworth serves as chairman of the State and Local Governmental Operations Committee, secretary of the Banking and Financial Institutions Committee and is also a member of the Economic Development, Education and Youth, Retirement, and Veterans, Military and Homeland Security committees.

Butterworth was recently listed as a "Next Generation Leader" by the Norton Native Intelligence Report. This report is presented by Frank Norton of the Norton Agency, one of North Georgia's oldest and most successful real estate and insurance firms. The report called Butterworth's rise to the State Senate a "slow methodical step-by-step process built on wise decisions, good measure and visionary leadership."

Prior to his election to the Senate, Butterworth served as chairman of the Habersham County Board of Commissioners where he negotiated a 25 year water contract providing the county with three million gallons of water a day. He also helped successfully pass a Special Local Option Sales Tax to finance transportation, economic development, recreation and natural resources improvements.

Professionally, Butterworth is a pilot for Delta Air Lines. He served in the United States Air Force for 12 years, finishing his career flying B1 bombers with the Georgia Air National Guard. He is a graduate of the University of Georgia, and was active in the Air Force R.O.T.C. program at UGA. Butterworth was named "AFROTC Cadet of the Year" two of his four years at Georgia. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science.

To further his goal in bringing local governments together and improving infrastructure across Habersham County, Butterworth has served as an executive board member of several local organizations, including the Georgia Mountains Regional Development Center, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, All hazard Council and the Georgia DCA Regional Advisory Committee.

Sen. Butterworth attends Bethlehem Baptist Church in Clarkesville where he and his family have been members for 11 years. He and his wife Amy have four children: Blake, Claire, Jack and Cate.

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